THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No bus in a dilapidated condition is allowed to run. As for smoke emission, DTC has a regular system of checking smoke emission level. All buses including private buses that are associated with DTC are allowed to ply only when it has a vehicle fitness certificate issued by the concerned transport authority. As and when any private bus found by checking squad as not adhereing to the conditions of upkeep, the operators are asked to rectify the fault, failing wnich strict action is taken.

(b) Figures of profits or losses of the private buses on their operations are not maintained by DTC.

The losses incurred by the DTC during 1987-88 and 1988-89 are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

	1987-88	1988-89
1. Working loss	45.96	50.94
2. Depreciation	11.96	12.71
3. Interest	20.96	32.30
4. Net loss	78.88	95.95

Implementation of Reservation Policy in Indian Tourism Development Corporation

1958. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strength of staff in the Indian Tourism Development Corporation: and

(b) what is the number and percentage of Scheduled Castes employees therein and whether the policy of Government on reservation is being fully implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (b) The requisite information as on 1-1-89 is as under:—

Total strength of staff in the ITDC	No. of S/C employees	Percentage of S/C employees
8860	2264	25.5%

The Govt. directives regarding reservation of vacancies for SC community are being followed in the ITDC.

Escalation in the prices of note-books

1959. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether note-books prices have been escalating as a result of Government indifference as reported in the Hindu of the 23rd February 1989 and if so, what are the details thereof and the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in order to ensure that literacy programmes do not suffer;

(b) whether any quick renewable sources of raw material have been developed for paper making by ICAR/CSIR, Agriculture Universities and other specialised agencies so far; and

(c) whether Biotechnology and Genetic engineering techniques are possible /planned so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) With a view to ensuring timley supply of paper to the educational sector, and to ensure that the price of text books, exercise-books, etc., were not unduly affected by the repeal of the Paper Control Order, a subsidy scheme with an annual allocation of Rs. 24 crores was introduced. This subsidy is provided @Rs. 3,000 per tonne, and 80.000 MTs can be made available for distribution to States/UTs in a year. The prices of school text-books and exercise-books manufactured from concessional paper are fixed in the context of the price of the concessional paper. There has been no increase so far in the price of the concessional paper since the introduction of the subsidy scheme, w.e.f. January, 1987.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House.

Transfer of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas

1960. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transfer of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas is not being done after 20-11-1988 except on the basis of terminal illness and/or administrative exigencies; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that no teacher is being adjusted against the post of a teacher of another cadre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. During 1988-89, no transfer has been done after 20--11-1988 except on grounds of terminal illness and/or administrative exigencies.

(b) Yes, Sir. Except on compelling administrative reasons in exceptional circumstances.

Opening of hostels in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1961. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 382 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th March, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the details of Kendriya Vidyalayas which have hostels for (i) boys (ii) girls and (iii) common for boys and girls in the country; and

(b) What are the details of hostels which are proposed to be built up during the financial session 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) There are 10 Kendriya Vidyalayas having hostel facility for boys only while 2 Kendriya Vidyalayas have hostels for girls only. There is only one Kendriya Vidyalaya having hostel facility for both boys and girls.

(b) Kendriya Vidyalayas Sangathan do not, at present have any pending proposal to open hostel in more schools.